Amazing Profits of Imperial Tobacco

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Recalls Harrowing Scenes

Had Mr. Miller heard that the wives of farmers had cried in the presence of Mr. Lee and this buyer had asked wives of some farmers to go into their homes because he could not bear their crying? suggested Mr. Sommerville. Denial of any knowledge of such incidents was made by Mr. Miller. Flat denial was made by witness his company had at any time tried to dominate the market.

The earlier part of the proceedings was taken up with an examination of the tobacco head on the financial setup of his company. For the 12 months ended Sept. 30, 1929, the total profits of the company, which holds interests in a large number of other concerns, were $5,862,000, Mr. Miller said. For the 15 months ended Dec. 30, 1930, profits were $8,153,000. For the year ended Dec. 30, 1931, profits were $5,914,000. Profits for the calendar years 1932 and 1933 were $5,417,000 and $5,670,000 respectively.

$14,162,747 Put In

The actual cash put into the company amounted to $14,162,747. Over a period of nearly 40 years, however, through acquisition of other companies, the present capital structure was $63,733,309. An initial investment of $25,000 in the National Tobacco Co. had netted the Imperial Co. $1,375,000 in five years, said witness. Mr. Miller will give evidence further tomorrow.

"What is your relationship with the British-American Tobacco Co.?" asked Mr. Sommerville.

"They are large holders of both our prefered and common stock," answered Mr. Miller. The British Company were not majority stockholders in the Imperial Co., however. He had no direct connection with the British-American Co., said witness.

Two of the directors of the British-American Co., resided in the United States, Mr. Miller said in answer to a further question. One of these two, George Cooper, and Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, chairman of the British-American Board, were on the board of directors of the Imperial Tobacco Co., of Canada.

No Connection

"We have no connection with the Imperial Company of Great Britain and Ireland," Mr. Miller answered committee counsel.

"Do you know the relationship between the Imperial Company of Great Britain and Ireland and the British-American?" witness was asked.

He had no direct knowledge, replied Mr. Miller. He understood, though, one-third of the stock of the British-American was held by the Imperial Company of Great Britain and Ireland.

"What is your relationship with the Canada Leaf Tobacco Co?" witness was asked. There was no connection whatever, answered Mr. Miller.

"Has the British-American any connection or investment in the Canada Leaf Tobacco Co.?" queried Mr. Sommerville. "Not to my knowledge," answered witness.

"The Imperial Tobacco Company of Canada have acted as purchasing agents for the Imperial Company of Great Britain and Ireland?" asked Hon. H. H. Stevens.

"We have for two seasons," was the reply.

Flue-cured Prices

The question of prices paid for flue-cured tobacco in Canada was taken up. In 1930 the average price paid for tobacco in Canada was 32 cents and his company had paid a little higher, said Mr. Miller. In 1931, the average price was 20.5 cents, and Imperial paid 21.9 cents. In 1932, the average price was 16 cents and Imperial paid 17.3 cents; and in 1933 the average price was calculated at 19.8 cents which was the price paid by the Imperial Company.

"You will notice there is a sharp variation in the price paid for bright flue-cured tobacco in the last four years," remarked Mr. Sommerville. Committee counsel wanted to know who fixed the price for tobacco. "Nobody buys until you start out to buy?" asked counsel.

"I believe that is the custom," answered Mr. Miller.

Reads Long Extract

Witness read a long extract from his statement. He denied any attempt or desire to dominate the market or that any action had been taken by his company to demoralize producers. In order to remove any further grounds for "absurd inferences and charges" laid to the Imperial Company his company would be pleased to meet all buyers for the purpose of determining a date on which all buyers would effect their first purchases.

"That does not answer my question," said Mr. Sommerville. "Who opens the market?"

"I think by practice it would be the Imperial Tobacco Company of Canada," responded Mr. Miller.

"For many years up to 1931 and including that year you bought from 75 to 80 per cent of the crop?" pressed counsel. That was the case for some years but not for the last three years, replied witness.

"Up to that time there had been a steady increase in the acreage and in the quantity of flue-cured tobacco produced?" asked counsel.

Yearly Production

In 1928, the production was 9,000,000 pounds; in 1929 10,000,000 pounds; in 1930, 12,000,000 pounds; in 1931, 24,000,000 pounds and 27,000,000 pounds in 1932. The 1932 figure was an estimate of the Department of Trade and Commerce, but his company estimate of the production was 25,682,000 pounds, said witness.

For some years prior to 1931, the Imperial Co. had been paying an average of 30 cents per pound and taking 80 per cent of whatever crop was produced, counsel said. "In the year 1931 a change took place and in place of opening the market at 35 or 40 cents per pound as had been the custom, you opened the market at a top of 30 cents?" questioned Mr. Sommerville.

"Yes," answered Mr. Miller.

"And very quickly dropped to 20 cents in that year of 1931," pressed Mr. Sommerville. He did not recall the exact price, answered witness.

"Within a week of the opening and before you had bought half your quantity you dropped the price one-third," pursued counsel.

Sticks to Question

Witness read from a statement on the attitude of his company in 1931, 1932 and 1933, stating the Imperial Co. had effected purchases at prices higher than comparable for empire leaf in the hope of avoiding distress prices to Canadian growers.

"That does not answer my question," returned Mr. Sommerville. Knowing the acreage, the production, requirements, and crop conditions, the Imperial Company had offered 30 cents as a price on the opening day. "Then why within a week did you drop the price to 20 cents when you were the dominating factor in the market?" he queried.

"It could not have been worth it," answered Mr. Miller.

Mr. Sommerville then questioned the witness about orders from New York and said it was his information direct orders had come from a "Mr. Harrison in New York."

Panic Among Growers

"Did you find the farmers too soft the first week?" queried Mr. Sommerville. For years previous to that there never had been any trouble in the market. "Did you know the purchase of the crop in 1931 created a panic among the growers?" counsel questioned.

He knew there was considerable dissatisfaction, but he had received no direct complaints, answered witness.

In 1931, a Mr. Lee first appeared on the scene, said counsel. On the appearance of Mr. Lee from Kentucky, who had had experience with negro growers in the South, did this trouble start then? asked Mr. Sommerville.

Mr. Miller did not think so, and had no such information.

"Did the introduction of Mr. Lee into the purchasing program of 1931 make the difficulty with the growers?" pressed counsel.

No Direct Complaints

He did not think so, replied Mr. Miller, and had no such knowledge.

"Did you have any complaint from growers who said they were not getting a square deal?" queried Mr. Sommerville. "What were the complaints you had?"

The complaints he had received had come indirectly through government officers, answered Mr. Miller.

"Is it not a fact that the growers were in such a panic they appealed to the government against this buyer, Mr. Lee, for your company?" asked counsel. He had no such information, replied witness.

"On Monday morning of the first week you started the market at 30 cents and you paid for several days at 30 cents," suggested Mr. Sommerville. "Then your Mr. Lee left for Montreal, coming back with certain instructions, and on the next Monday morning went out and created consternation among the farmers and offered only 20 cents?"

"There was too much tobacco," said witness. He did not know anything of the incident suggested by counsel.

"Not in 1931?" said counsel.

Stevens Demands Answer

Considerable argument followed at this juncture. The farmers wanted to know why there had been this drop of one-third of the price in five or six days in 1931, said Mr. Sommerville.

There was a big crop of tobacco and it must have been considered that the price first offered was too high, answered witness.

"Did you get the second thought from New York?" asked Mr. Sommerville. Mr. Miller said he recalled no communication from New York.

"I think counsel's question is exceedingly important and pertinent," interjected Mr. Stevens. "What puzzles me in a matter of a 30 per cent drop within a week is that the heads of the Imperial Tobacco Company would not know why it was done." Representatives of large buyers had carefully examined crop conditions before the market opened. "As chairman of this committee. I will expect the question to be answered and a very definite and clear explanation given."

Denies Evasion

Witness denied he was trying to avoid in any way answering the question; but Mr. Stevens pressed for an explanation for the drop from 30 to 20 cents per pound in prices within a week. The minister asked the witness to produce the daily purchases by his company for the first week in 1931. He would get the information and produce it, said witness. If possible, he would try to get it by telephone tonight, Mr. Miller replied to a further question.

"You realize the importance of the answer because no competitor could go out any pay more or he would be at a disadvantage in competing with you in the manufactured field," said counsel. By being such a large purchaser, the Imperial Company virtually dictated market prices.

Buying Tactics

Prices were decided upon sometimes by executive action, said witness. He could not recall, though, that any executive action had been taken by his company respecting 1931 prices.

Counsel suggested Mr. Lee had gone out among the farmers and returning with exhibits of purchased tobacco had asked buyers how much they thought he had paid, stated Mr. Sommerville. The guess was 24 cents, per pound suggested counsel, and Mr. Lee had replied he had paid only 18 cents and had bought from a person "who was putting himself through school and he took his medicine like a man." Again, Mr. Miller replied he knew nothing of this.

"Is that the kind of buying that caused the trouble in 1931?" asked Mr. Sommerville. He had never heard of such an incident, replied witness.

URGES PRODUCTION CONTROL

Ottawa, May 3.—Control of production was the remedy for the problems in the tobacco industry, Grey Miller, president of the Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada, Ltd., told the parliamentary price spreads and mass buying probe today.

An 11-point conclusion of his survey of the industry was put before the inquiry by the tobacco company head as follows:

1. In the past few years the production of Canadian tobacco has exceeded by 36 per cent. to 44 per cent. the total Canadian consumption of domestic and foreign leaf tobacco manufactured in Canada into cigars, cigarettes, plug, snuff, smoking and chewing tobacco.

2. In the past few years the production of Canadian tobacco has been from 49 per cent. to 60 per cent. in excess of apparent world consumption of Canadian tobacco.

Flue-Cured Predominates

3. Production of flue-cured tobacco for the five years, 1924 to 1928, averaging six and one-quarter million pounds, has been increased to an average of 23,500,000 pounds in the five years 1929 to 1933.

4. The problem of overproduction is primarily due to the increased production of flue-cured tobacco.

5. An important potential market for Canadian leaf tobacco exports may be found in Great Britain.

6. Canadian leaf tobacco must meet competition of other Empire leaf tobacco in Great Britain on equal footing.

7. Canadian leaf tobacco constitutes only a small percentage of the total of leaf tobacco withdrawn for consumption in Great Britain, and represents approximately 15 per cent. of Empire leaf tobacco so withdrawn.

High Price

8. The high price of Canadian leaf in relation to prices of other Empire leaf has been an effective deterrent in extending the use of Canadian tobacco in Great Britain.

9. The duty of 40 cents a pound on leaf tobacco imported into Canada ranging from 202 per cent. to 572 per cent. protection on comparable prices of U. S. flue-cured tobacco has been responsible for the high prices paid for Canadian leaf tobacco in years when production was less than consumption.

10. Any commodity returning an unusual profit thereby encourages exploitation and frequently results in overproduction.

11. Production of flue-cured tobacco in Canada has been exploited to the point of over-production.

Too Good To Last

Rather a unique event happened in Goderich last week when the county jail was without a single prisoner for the first time since it was built in 1841. Certainly the citizens of Huron must be a law-abiding people. What will those people who maintain there is more lawlessness now than ever before have to say about this condition? — Listowel Banner.

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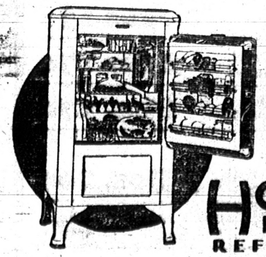

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WOODHOUSE

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Miss Mabel Campbell visited her father Mr. Johnson Campbell on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marshall were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hodgson on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Powell and son Jack, Lake Shore Road, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Trinder.

Mrs. Chas. Derrickson spent Thursday with her daughter, Mrs. Maitland Tisdale.

Mrs. Ronald Stickney of Straffordville spent the past week with her aunt, Mrs. R. W. Caswell, at Lynn Villey.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy White and family of Tillsonburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kerridge of Lynn Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wheeler and family of Selkirk visited Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Caswell on Sunday.

MARSTON

We are glad to report that Donald Pressy is making as good progress as can be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Oden Silverthorne and daughters, Burntland, visited at Frank Bowman's on Sunday.

Florence Staley has been on the sick list for a few days.

Mrs. C. J. Foster returned home on Sunday from Teeterville where she has been staying the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hicks. Mr. Foster went down for her on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Anderson and children of Aylmer visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rice, on Sunday.

George Fick caught a couple of fine fish out of the Venison Creek Thursday afternoon.

Peter Rice went to Port Rowan on Saturday to get his seed oats.

Mrs. Norman Pressy went to Tillsonburg on Saturday to stay over Sunday with her son.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Neville and sons of Straffordville visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rice, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brooks and family of Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. George Mabee and family of Guysboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rice and family visited at the home of Harry Silverthorne's on Sunday.

COLBORNE

Mrs. Marshall of Tillsonburg is visiting her son Geo. H. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Frost of Chicago are visiting relatives here this week.

A number from this locality motored to Brantford on Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. J. Seymour Collver, among them were Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Boughner and son James, Mr. Joseph Misner, Mr. Frank Collver, H. E. Beemer and his two daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hill of Simcoe spent Sunday with Mrs. A. Ross.

The Girls Circle meets on Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Madeline Storey, Lynnville.

A Father and Son service is being held at Old Windham Church on Sunday morning when a large male choir will give special music.

Two Weddings

Two quiet weddings have taken place at the parsonage here recently on April 23rd. Joseph Buys of Windham was united to Miss Shirley Miller of Clear Creek and on Saturday, April 28, Mr. Clayton Misner, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Misner, and Miss Katheleen Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brown of Simcoe were married by Rev. J. H. Oliver.

OBITUARY

DAVID JEFFREY

The death took place at his home in Townsend Township on Sunday, May 6th, 1934, of David Jeffrey in his 80th year. The funeral will be held from his late home on Tuesday, May 8th, at 2.30 o'clock, with interment in Knox Church Cemetery, Jarvis.

LEAVES SONS IN SIMCOE

John Beckett was called to Eauclaire, Northern Ontario, a few days ago on account of the serious illness of his father, W. J. Beckett, death occurring on Saturday morning. Surviving are two daughters and one son living in Northern Ontario, and James, John and Noble Beckett, all living in Simcoe. James Beckett and daughter also attended the funeral.

NATIVE OF VITTORIA

Mrs. John E. Bresett, a native of Vittoria and for 36 years a resident of Middleport, died on Thursday in the Hamilton General Hospital following a year's illness. She was in her 58th year and was formerly Minetta Ellen Catherwood.

Surviving are her husband, one son, Clarence Bresett, at home; two daughters, Mrs. George Bonney, Burford, and Mrs. William Lyons, Hamilton; a brother, Tom Catherwood, Oakland; and two sisters, Mrs. Adam Gow, Princeton, and Mrs. R. Innes, Buffalo.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon from her late residence with interment in Middleport Cemetery.

PHOEBE M. BAILEY

Following an illness which kept her confined to hospital for several years, Phoebe M. Britton, widow of the late Levi Bailey, died on Friday evening in her 86th year.

For the past 17 years she had been a resident of Simcoe, making her home with her only daughter, Mrs. Kelly, 169 Maple street. Prior to that time she had resided at Wyecombe, moving to this district about 1900 from Colorado. Her husband predeceased her 50 years ago.

The funeral was conducted on Monday afternoon from the home of Mrs. Kelly, Rev. F. H. Wentworth being in charge of the service. Interment was made in Oakwood Cemetery.

MARKET OPENS MAY 17

Port Dover.—The farmers' market has its official opening scheduled for May 17th, rain or shine. It will be held at Powell Park and the merchants, to help things along, are staging market-day sales. The Port Dover Young Men's Business Association are going to see that the market has every assistance and the Port Dover Band is going to "say it with music."

IS NEW TREASURER

Port Dover.— Mr. James D. Caley has been elected to the office of treasurer of the municipality. His office will be located at the Caley Shoe Store, Main street.

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GIRL GUIDES

The monthly meeting of Guiders and the executive committee of the local association took place on Monday evening, April 30th, at the home of Mrs. Packard. The Commissioner, Mrs. S. S. English was in the chair. May 20th was set as the day for the annual Girl Guide Church parade. This year the special service will be held at the Presbyterian Church. It was decided that in order to raise money toward a camp fund, the Guides, assisted by the I. O. D. E., should give a tea early in May. A demonstration of Guide and Brownie work will be given at the closing on June 9th. If the weather permits, the Rally will be held at the park. A report was given of the Guide demonstration in Toronto. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

The Rangers met with their captain, Mrs. Packard at her home on Tuesday evening. The meeting was devoted to planning a series of programs to help the girls earn their Public Health badge and their Nurse Badge.

The 78th I. O. D. E. Guide Company met at 7.15 in front of the Scout House on Thursday evening. Marching drill and an active game were held out of doors. A written test on Cooking knowledge followed. Morse code signal drill and a demonstration in patching woolen material completed the meeting.

The First Aid tests were completed at the meeting of the 65th I. O. D. E. Guide Company on Friday evening. Morse code was reviewed and the girls played a game on what they had learned, "Black Nag," a folk dance, was then taught to the Guides. In the Pow-wow, the Toronto Rally was described and a discussion was held on the Girl Guide Tea to be held on May 26th in the St. James Church, Sunday School room and the Guide closing to be held June 9th in the park.

Two Brownie recruits were enrolled at the meeting of the 30th Brownie pack on Friday afternoon. They were Marion Leask and Edith Williams. Miss Lillian Holland was the guest of honour and she won her way into Brownie hearts by telling a delightful fairy story. Nature Study occupied the rest of the meeting, the subject studied being the Manitoba Maple.

OLD WINDHAM W.M.S.

The May meeting of the Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Overholt on Wednesday, over 60 ladies being present. The meeting was opened by the leader, Mrs. Cole, by singing a hymn and prayer. The minutes were read and a discussion of several subjects finished the business. The scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Knight and the devotional leaflet "Jesus and His Friend," by Mrs. Marshall. After the singing of the hymn, "Blest be the Tie That Binds," Mrs. Putnam gave a splendid report of the presbyterial convention which was held at Caledonia. The open meeting to be held in June was discussed, and it was decided to held it at the home of Mrs. A. Stone, June 8th, and to invite Mrs. Pond of Simcoe as speaker. Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Cole will have charge of the program. A letter of sympathy was sent to Mrs. Strang on the death of her father.

Mrs. H. Hubbard, in speaking of the supply work, said she had received a donation of a quilt top. It was decided to quilt it at the next W.A. meeting, which will be held at the home of Mrs. White on May 16th.

Mrs. Scott, in looking at her finance thermometer, was very much pleased to see how it was gradually creeping up. Prayer was offered by several ladies.

The last chapter of the study book was taken by Mrs. A. Frost.

At the conclusion of the meeting a dainty lunch was served by the hostess and Mrs. A. Frost.

"Neither cease doing things you enjoy because you are past any particular age, nor pursue outworn pleasures for fear of being thought old."—Lady Cynthia Asquith.

HOME AND SCHOOL ELECTS OFFICERS

Mrs. A. B. Jackson New President of Organization—Installation Conducted.

FINE REPORTS MADE

The Simcoe Home and School Association held its annual meeting and election of officers Thursday evening at the South school, Mrs. Alan B. Jackson being elected the new president.

Mrs. Harold M. Jackson, retiring president, was in the chair for the business session, and the secretary, Mrs. Edward Peachey, gave a splendid resume of the exceptionally fine work accomplished during the past year by the club. Mrs. A. A. Murray presented the treasurer's report, announcing that nearly $400 had been expended in milk for undernourished children during the winter, and over $300 for other welfare work, the outstanding item being the distribution of toys and candy to children at Christmas time. Substantial prizes were also given to the pupils with the highest standing in each form in the high school during the past year. An interesting part of the program was the presentation of the answers to questions in the question box by Mrs. C. E. West, and the answers throughout will prove helpful to both mothers and teachers.

Mrs. F. W. M. Ross, convener of the nominating committee, presented the slate of officers. The installation was conducted by the first president of the Home and School Association, Mrs. W. G. Jackson.

The newly elected officers are: Past president, Mrs. H. M. Jackson; president, Mrs. Alan Jackson; first vice-president, Mrs. G. E. Whitaker; second vice-president, Mrs. J. S. Jackson; secretary, Mrs. E. A. Peachey; treasurer, Mrs. A. A. Murray. Convenerships: Program, Mrs. J. A. M. Stewart, assisted by Mrs. C. E. West and Miss Bertha McKnight. Tea, North school, Mrs. B. W. Whitside, assisted by Mrs. C. A. Simpson and Mrs. Earl Post; South school, Mrs. Claude Pond, assisted by Mrs. G. Brockington and Mrs. Pierre Park. Special tea committee, Mrs. Walter Durward, Mrs. W. Goodlett, Mrs. P. G. Marshall and Mrs. G. G. Bramhill. Welfare, Mrs. Bruce T. Jackson, assisted by Mrs. Merrill Hare, Mrs. John Coulson and Miss Eva Bennett. Membership convener, Mrs. J. W. McCallum, assisted by Mrs. Murray Hamilton, Mrs. C. H. Donnelly, Mrs. Henri Sohier and Mrs. S. Buckle. Pianist, Mrs. Frank Paterson; school representatives, North, Miss Steinhoff; South, Miss Grace Lewis; high, Miss Fox.

Montreal Man Undertakes Large Resort Development

Port Rowan: Mr. H. H. Hastings of Montreal, owner of the Toronto and Big Creek Shooting Company, is starting building operations to develop a summer resort on his property which extends one half a mile east and one and one-half miles west along the lakefront at the end of the park road. Mr. Hastings has his gang of men and equipment here.

One carload of furniture from Quebec has arrived and five carloads of lumber and one carload of cedar posts are arriving during the next two weeks. There will be a hotel and from forty to fifty bungalows. The hotel and some of the bungalows will be in readiness for this season.

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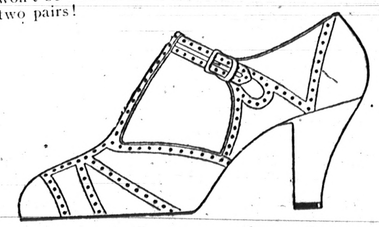

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CHURCH SOFTBALL HAS FIVE TEAMS ENTERED

Senior Schedule to Start Next Monday Night—Five in Junior

USE WELLINGTON PARK

Simcoe's softball season will be opened by the Church League on Monday, May 14 when the new loop gets under way at Wellington Park. Five teams are entered in the senior bracket which comprises Trinity, St. Paul's, St. James, Baptist and St. Mary's. In the junior division there is a probability of five starters with two teams from St. James and entrants from St. Paul's, St. Mary's and Baptists.

Games will be played Monday and Wednesday evenings at Wellington Park in the senior grouping with the Juniors using the High School diamond Tuesdays and Fridays. A schedule will be drawn up at a meeting tomorrow night.

The Senior schedule is as follows:

May 14—Trinity vs. Baptists
May 16—St. Paul's vs. St. Mary's
May 21—St. James vs. Trinity
May 23—Baptists vs. St. Paul's
May 28—St. Mary's vs. St. James
May 30—Trinity vs. St. Paul's
June 4—Baptist vs. St. Mary's
June 6—St. James vs. St. Paul's
June 11—Trinity vs. St. Mary's
June 13—St. James vs. Baptist
June 18—Baptist vs. Trinity
June 20—St. Mary's vs. St. Paul's
June 25—Trinity vs. St. James
June 27—St. Paul's vs. Baptists
July 2—St. James vs. St. Mary's
July 4—St. Paul's vs. Trinity
July 9—St. Mary's vs. Baptist
July 11—St. Paul's vs. St. James
July 16—St. Mary's vs. Trinity
July 18—Baptist vs. St. James
July 23—Trinity vs. Baptist
July 25—St. Paul's vs. St. Mary's
July 30—St. Paul's vs. Trinity
Aug. 1—Baptist vs. St. Paul's
Aug. 6—St. Mary's vs. St. James
Aug. 8—Trinity vs. St. Paul's
Aug. 13—Baptist vs. St. Mary's
Aug. 15—St. James vs. St. Paul's
Aug. 20—Trinity vs. St. Mary's
Aug. 22—St. James vs. Baptist

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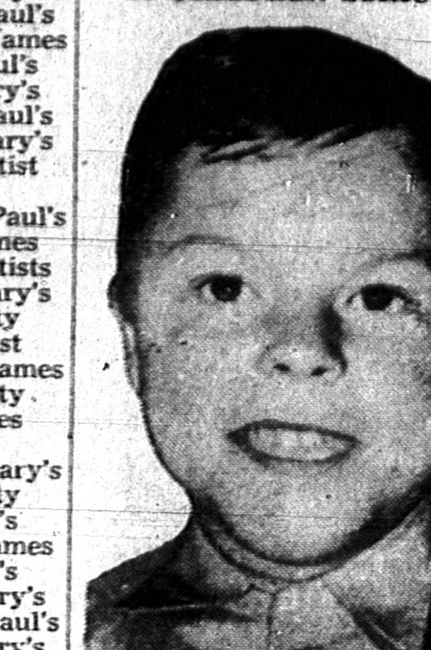
Wages Too Low

The mass-buying inquiry indicates that some large firms do not in all instances pay wages sufficient for the workers. A more detailed inquiry would show that many small employers pay even lower wages. — Fort Erie Times-Review.

15 CHILDREN STRICKEN



Stricken by a rare disease which to date has baffled science, 15 children of Toronto and district face a lingering death. The disease is known as pseudo- hypertrophic - muscular - dystrophy which results in slow paralysis of the muscles. The lad shown above, whose name is with-held, is one of those afflicted. Medical authorities and Toronto doctors are baffled by the rare disease which usually leads to death.

Carpetball Trophy is Presented to Legion No. 1

The local carpetball league concluded its initial season of activity with a splendid smoker held in the sergeants' messroom at the Armouries on Friday evening. John Pratt acted as chairman and presented the league trophy to the Legion No. 1 team who were the victors. Charles Judd accepted the award with appropriate remarks.

Community singing and other brief addresses rounded out a very pleasant evening. At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was extended to Alf. DeBath, John Dickson, Harry Eames, Clarence Blackburn, Charles Neal, James Bull and Angus Hall who had assisted in the arrangements.

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Walsingham Man Pleads Guilty to Four Charges

Pleading guilty to four charges including theft and breaking and entering, Percy Underhill, 28, of North Walsingham appeared before Magistrate Gunton on Friday. He was remanded for sentence for a week. Underhill was charged with theft of a car from J. S. Ball, Delhi, robbery of a service station in Townsend, theft of a tire and battery from W. Sovereen, Windham, and theft of a cornet at Hagersville.

Russell King of Brantford appeared at the same session on a charge of attempted burglary. He was alleged to have broken into Fletcher's store at Walsingham Centre and to have attempted to rob the safe. The case was dismissed. C. C. Slemin of Brantford appeared for the accused with W. E. Kelly, K.C., acting for the Crown.

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Dismiss Suit for Sale Of Newspaper at Assizes

Concluding the assizes of the Supreme Court here on Friday, Mr. Justice Jeffery dismissed the action of J. B. Little of Toronto against the executors of the estate of the late W. J. Taylor of Woodstock.

The action was for $2,800 allegedly owing Little for his part in negotiating the sale of the Woodstock Sentinel-Review to Allan Holmes of Galt for $80,000. Named as executors were Garrett and Donald Taylor, brothers of the deceased, and the Canada Permanent Trust Company.

In giving his decision, His Lordship found that Little had not been instrumental in any way in negotiating the sale and held that John F. McKay, Toronto financial agent for whom Little acted as sub-agent, had had no agreement in writing regarding a commission.

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"Charity is a kind of personal thing as distinguished from the cold business of governmental relief."—Alfred E. Smith.

..FROM THE SIDELINES

A few of the more sensitive souls seem quite ruffled concerning our comments anent Les Rundle performing The Last Roundup on most of the available softball talent. They seem to have acquired the idea that we were knocking Les and his aggregation of Chryslerites.

That is far from the truth. We have nothing but the most profound admiration for the managerial sagacity of the doughty former Canco backstop. Les, we pointed out, only did what every softball manager had hoped to do but wasn't apparently smart enough to accomplish. The result: as sweet a team as has been gathered together in the game's history in Simcoe.

Although the season locally may be a bit short on thrills—unless a number of stalwart horsehide tossers crawl out of their hiding-place and join opposing nines — Simcoe will at least be represented in the O. A. S. A. playdowns by a strong aggregation. It will be the first year that this has happened, for in the past we have had our talent so well distributed among four or five teams that the champions never stood a chance in competition with the larger places.

John Sherk called up the other day to announce the birth of a name for his collection of softballers. Taking a leaf from Rundle's book, he's calling his men the Ford V-8's, although he didn't say why. John hinted darkly at having a couple of men of exceptional talent on his list and predicted great things.

Still on the subject of softball, we think that the executive this year did a smart piece of thinking in naming Stan Silverthorne umpire-in-chief. Stan has been a big help to the league in an unostentatious way in past years and the new arrangement of letting him pick two assistants should solve umpiring troubles.

It is beginning to look as much as if Simcoe will not have a baseball team this year. Our promoters find interest about as scarce as thousand dollar bills. We have it on good authority that there would be some talent forthcoming from a spot not ten miles away if Simcoe were to put a team in O.B.A.A. competition, but the thumbs are down on county league ball.

Just why the county league refuses to hook up with the O.B.A.A. is a little hard to understand. For one thing, the regulations should not chafe them very much because we have always considered it really simon-pure ball, ten degrees more entitled to the name amateur than some of the O. B. A. A. loops. Still and all the county men do not like the idea of taking orders from Toronto or Hamilton, and stay out.

The net result is that we declare a winner every year and then let them put away their bats. Fifteen miles away Hagersville has baseball up to September and a team in the O. B. A. A. semi-finals. They do play a bit better ball down there than they do in Walsingham or Charlotteville, either.

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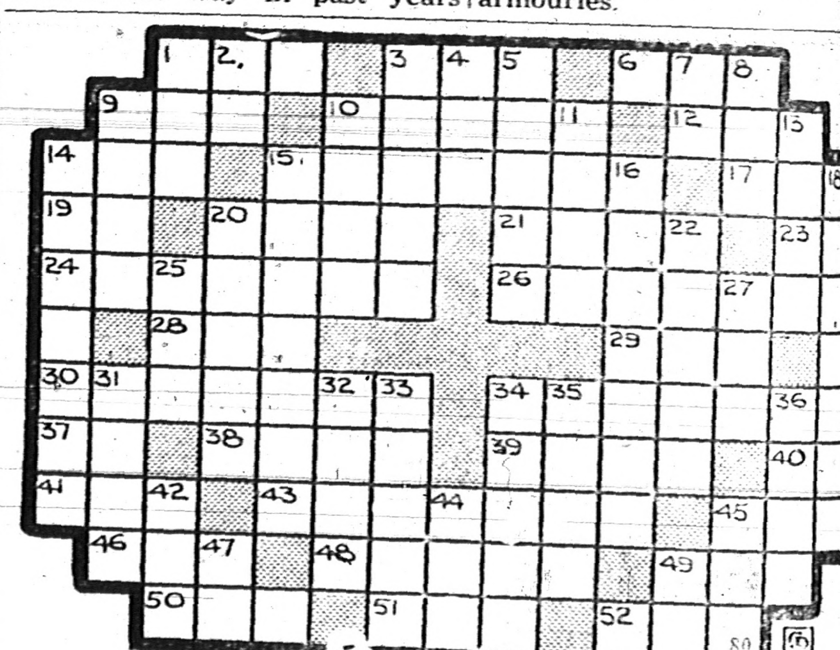
Cricketers Will Meet To Organize Friday

With a start made last year cricket enthusiasts of Simcoe are beginning to stir and there is a possibility that the game may be seriously introduced as a part of the summer sports program this year. A meeting is being called this Friday night to discuss plans for organization and a good turn out of cricketers is hoped for. The meeting will be held in the armouries.



ACROSS

1—Part of mouth
3—Feline animal
6—Mesh
9—Placed
10—Weights
12—Allow
14—Beverage
15—Seize by legal authority
17—Organ of hearing
19—In reference
20—On the lee side
21—Slang expression "—— the mark!)
23—Father
24—Made application
26—Stabbed with a spear
28—Age
29—Three
30—People who plan
34—Land of Bohemians
37—Envoy extraordinary
38—Ireland
39—America (abbr.)
40—Right
41—Rodent
43—Chief industry of a county
45—Fasten
46—24 hours
48—Inquire (Scot.)
49—In law a thing
50—Leguminous plant
51—Distress call at sea
52—Unit of measurement

DOWN

1—Meadow
2—Neuter pronoun
3—Concerned
4—Form of to be
5—Examinations
7—God (Heb.)
8—Nodule of earth
9—Leak
10—Elm
11—Halt
13—Bind up
14—Ensnarer
15—Those who adjust by a line
17—Boils
18—Throws-out rays
20—Single
22—A challenger
25—Green vegetable
27—Edge
31—Guide
32—Tears (Scot.)
33—Utters angry words
34—Bundles of cotton
35—Hebrew measure of capacity
36—Fleur-de-lis
42—Knock gently
44—People (abbr.)
45—— ——years in a decade
47—Old form of you
49—International language

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DEN NORFOLK OPMERKER

PRIMO CARNERA ZEGD DAT HY BAER ZAL VEROVEREN

Toen Primo Carnera de stad had bereikt met zyn blauwen sedan auto ging hy in een van de barbier winkels binnen voor zyn baard te laten scheren.

"Ho, ho," riep hy uit "zoo hy noemt my een groote bum, eh! Ik zal hem eens toonen wie de groote bum is op 14 Juni."

"Ik vecht niet door het spreken," verantwoordde Primo. "Wien is dezen Baer dat hy zooveel doen kan? Paulino kan hem overmeesteren. Laughran kan hem tot bedaring brengen. Ik zal hem overwinnen. Poef."

Carnera zag er in zeer goede staat uit na zeer hard werd te hebben gedaan in Moosehead Lake, in Maine. Zyn vel was bruin en hy zag er sterker uit dan vroeger.

"Ik visch en jaag en ik hak de boomen naar omlaag," vertelde hy. "Ik ben nu zeer sterk. Ik zal dezen Baer het zyne geven. Deze ....deze..... rondlooper, Ja, rondlooper."

Dat was het uiterste wat hy van de groote California man dacht, die zegde dat hy van groote, kleine zou gemaakt hebben in de "Garden bowl" op 14 Juni. Carnera schudde zyn schouders alswanneer hy hoorde dat Max Baer gezegd had dat hy hem in de eerste vyf ronden zou uitgeslagen hebben.

"Ik zeg dat niet," zegde hy. "Indien Ik hem uitslaag, dan slaag ik hem uit, en alles is goed. Maar Ik zal hem een goed pak slagen geven. Hy zal Primo niet slagen met deze groote rechte handen."

Het schynt dat dezen bokswedstryd een goed zal zyn.

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ONRUST IN RODEN

Er is een zeker deel ruzie tusschen de Grieken en Italianen. Er heeft oneenigheid geweest door de Grieken sedert Italie bezit nam van het Eiland Roden in 1912. Het eiland was vroeger gegeven tot de Italianen door Turkeyen in 1924. Maar van een bevolking van 54,000, weinig zyn afkomstig van Italie. Twee derden van deze zyn Grieken en het meeste part van de andere zyn Turken.

De laatste oorzaak van de oneenigheid heef geweest van het dooden van een getal Grieken door de Italianen gedurende een kiezing toen opstand kwam in het dorp van Salaco. De Grieken hebben altyd een vaste stand gehouden van zich te laten Italianizeeren.

Ze hebben geweigerd van voor een mayor te stemmen onderhouden door Italie. Oneenigheid volgde. Onder andere vindt men dat er Italiansche vliegtuigen over het dorp gevlogen hebben die bommen werpten voor het volk te verplichten te doen wat hun opgelegd werd.

Italie wilt dus Grieken land regeeren en Griekenland doet al het mogelyke voor de Italianen te stoppen.

Zulke kleine gevallen kunnen soms groote omstandigheden bybrengen.

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DUITSCHLANDS SCHULDEN

Engeland en Frankryk hebben reeds verscheidene verwittigingen gezonden naar het Duitsch Goevernement aangaande het uitstellen van hunne schulden.

Den Britschen ambassadeur ging zoo verre dat hy tegen den Duitschen minister van buitenlandsche zaken vertelde dat een groot inzicht zou gedaan worden indien er nog langere uitstellingen op deze leeningen zou geschieden. Kanselier Hitler en zyn ministers gaan voorts met groote sommen geld te bestedigen in een opbouwing van groote wapeningen.

Men hoopt dat Frankryk en Engeland zulke sterken middelen zal gebruiken van Duitschland doen te betalen en haar te doen erinneren dat ze geen geld te bestedigen heeft voor zich te wapenen. Edendaags is er een groote onrust en verdachting in Europa door de houding van Hitler, en hy en zyne medehelpers zouden moeten gewaarschuwd worden dat een land die zyn interesten niet betalen kan op kommerciale leeningen geen recht heeft van geld te vertwisten in een gereedmaking voor oorlog.

Vele landen in Europa moeten zekere schulden betalen. Maar sommige schulden van zekere landen zyn te overweegbaar.

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"The day of helpless parentage is over. We approach the time when every child will be a desired child."—Havelock Ellis.

WAT WILT U WETEN?

Vraag—Weest zoo goed my te laten weten welke stad het verste in het noorden ligt van deze twee steden Rome of New York—Den blauwen velo.

Antwoord—Rome.

V.—Ik heb hier naar de hooge school geweest maar heb vergeten wy de Mississippi river heeft ontdekt. Wilt gy, indien het mogelyk is, my een klein gedacht geven over deze geschiedenis.—M. V. L.

A.—Het beste dat u de naaste maal doen kunt is naar een van uwe geschiedenis boeken te zien, (History book) waar u een volledige uitleg zult vinden over deze vraag. Ik antwoord geen hooge-school vragen. Alhoewel, voor u te vreden te stellen ben ik ten uwen dienste.

Den ontdekker van de Mississippi rivier was Hernando de Soto, die in deze rivier begraven wierd.

Zendt al uwe vragen in tot de "Pierce Publishing Companie, Simcoe" of tot

Robert D'Hondt,
R. R. 1, Nixon.

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EEN OORLOG MET HET GOEVERNEMENT

De zaak Dillinger die reeds veel verontroering heeft gebracht in de Vereenigde Staten geeft ons een voorbeeld als een kleine groep moordenaars die bezig zyn oorlog te maken tegen gansch het goevernement van de Vereenigde Staten en de laatste meldingen van dezen kleinen oorlog geven alle heer tot de banditen.

Het is moeielyk zulk een zaak te erinnerren hier in Canada dat de moordenaars beter in gebruik zyn van wapenen dan de wet officieren zelf, die ze achtervolgen. Er zyn reeds verscheidene mannen, waaronder meest gendarmen, die gedood zyn, en indien er in het kort geen einde aan komt dan mogen wy verwachten van meer dooden te tellen.

De schuld kan niet gelegd worden op de policie die bezig zyn te zoeken voor deze onvrezende banditen. Ze hebben zich zelven zeer moedig getoont.

Degenen die de schuld op zich moeten nemen is het federaal goevernement.

Iedereen erinnert zich nog alswanneer men het kindje van Col. Charles Lindbergh gestolen heeft. De wraak van het volk ging tot het uiterste toen men het nieuws uitbreidde. Na eenigen tyd stierf deze wraak min of meer uit het volk. Eden daags is alles wederom vergeten.

De stadbewoners zouden zich meer moeten bemoeien om zulke zaken te vermyden, en zulke banditery zoo haastig niet vergeten.

Deze zaak volgens wy het zien kunnen vraagd voor een onmiddelyke overgang tot de moordenaars te vangen zoo spoedig mogelyk.

John Dillinger is geboekt als een van de wreedste banditen die de Vereenigde Staten ooit beleefd heeft.

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HET OUDE VRAAGSTUK

Koning Victor Emmanuel heeft een gesprek gegeven aan het Italiaansch volk en de gansche wereld dat terwyl Italie de vrede verlangt, zy haar troepen zou versterken voor een eerste verzekering van vrede.

"De beste verzekering van vrede," zegde hy, "is de zekerheid van onze troepen te versterken."

Nationale leiders hebben het zelfde gepreekt voren 1914. Iedereen weet nu welken uitval het heeft gebracht. Nochtans wilt de wereld niet geleerd worden.

Koning Victor, natuurlyk, was bezig te zeggen wat Mussolini hem doen zeggen heeft.

Wy op dit wereldgedeelte beweren dat den oorlog onnoodig is en iets dat moet vermeden worden. Europa pryst een oorlog en zegd dat het onvermydelyk is. Waarom, moeten het volk van de nieuwe wereld zich verontstellen over den ouden wereld.

Een Canadeeschen senator, bestatigde dat het hoegenaamd niet noodig was dat het Canadeesch volk zich zou moeten opofferen voor een Europeeschen oorlog.

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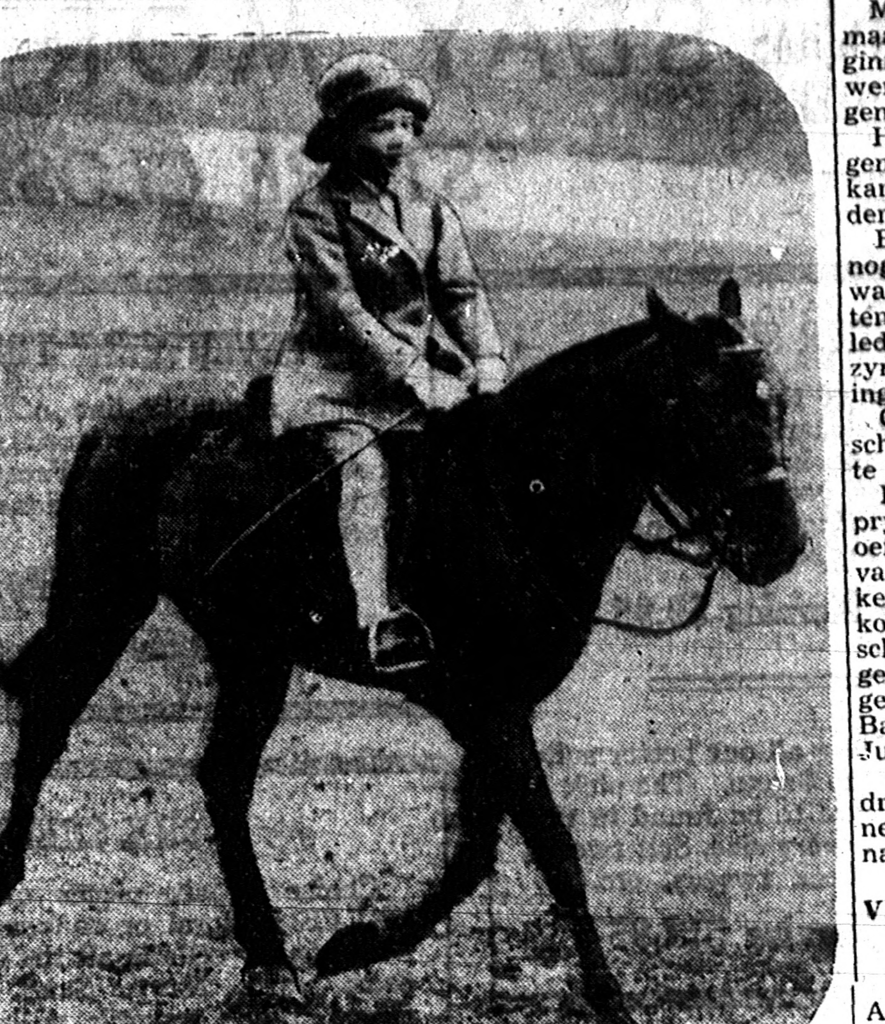
HET HUWELYKSFEEST

Het huwelyksfeest die verleden weet plaats had in Delhi is wel gelukt. Wy wenschen de jong getrouwden; Mr. en Mrs. Maes en gansch de familie proficiat.



Een portret die dagelyks gezien word in het park van London Windsor. Dit is Prinses Elizabeth, oudste dochter van hunne koninklyke familieen, en grootdochter van Koning George en Koningin Mary van Engeland die al e morgenden in het park gezien word. De prinses is acht jaren geworden sedert 21 April.

Dit En Dat

Jack Keurns, die vroeger manager was van Jack Dempsey, wereld kampioen zwaargewicht bokser, beweerde in een rechtsbank te Los Angeles dat hy geen penning bezat.

Er is geschat dat er 80,000 Hotels zyn in de Vereenigde Staten en 100,000 barbier winkels.

De provincieen van Quebec, Ontario en British Columbia zyn ieder langer dan de staat van Texas; Quebec is meer dan tweemaal zoo lang.

Er is reeds geschat dat een Engelschman 1800 pottjes tee drinkt per jaar.

De berg leeuwen bevinden zich van British Columbia tot het zuidste punt van Zuid Amerika.

Het is nog onbekend wie er de meeste kansen zal hebben van het zwaargewicht kampioenschap tusschen Primo Carnera en Max Baer.

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EEN MAN MET NERVEN

Indien gy pyn hebt aan uwe nerven, zoude u misschien eens willen probeeren met te doen wat Frank Cushing, 31 jaarige vlieger, geprobeerd heeft. Zyn werk verloren na met een vliegtuig in botsing te komen, dacht lushing of hy eigenlyk zyn werk verloren had, of waren het zyn gedachten die hem zulks deed denken. Hy reekende iets slim uit dat hy ging doen,—ten minste dacht hy zelf dat het een slimmen truk was. Hy stak een reddingsband aan, ging naar de groote en hooge Manhattan brug te New York en na deze brug bereikt te hebben sprong hy in de rivier. Een hoogte van 135 voet, toen hy viel gelyk een kogel waren er drie mannen die hem gezien hadden en sprongen in een boot voor hem naar de kusten te brengen. Na byna een halve myl te varen hadden zy Frank Cushing bereikt en namen hem in het bootje. Hy had reeds veel water in gezwolgen, maar was anders in goede staat. Men moet niet vragen of deze man goede nerven had na dit te doen. Na ze hem op vischten had hy er nog veel en meer dan sommige menschen die ook goede nerven bezitten.

Het was natuurlyk een durf, maar velen wilden het niet gelooven. Er zyn zooveel gemakkelyker wegen van tot u eigen te bewyzen dat gy nog nerven hebt gelyk yzer.

Deze man dacht misschien dat hy zyn leven moest wagen voor uit te vinden of zyn nerven nog goed waren.

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This Sounds Reasonable

Hitler makes the assertion that no one believes in disarmament. So long as he holds that view other nations dare not disarm, for they are rather suspicious of Germany, and with good reason. — Aylmer Express.

HET WEGVERKEER IN ENGELAND

Het wetsontwerp tot regeling van het wegverkeer in Engeland is door het Lagerhuis in tweede lezing aangenomen.

Luidens de nieuwe voorschriften wordt in de steden en dorpen nog enkel maximumsnelheid toegelaten van dertig mylen per uur.

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SNELLER TREINEN VAN BERLYN EN VAN MUNCHEN NAAR ROME

Dezen zomer zal een trein worden ingelegd, die van Berlyn naar Rome in 24 uren zal ryden; dat is 4 uren minder dan thans. Dat wordt mogelyk door het openen van de "diretissima" Bologne-Florence en het gebruiken van sneller lokomotieven op het Duitsche net.

Tusschen Munchen en Rome zal de afstand in 16, in plaats van 20 uren, afgelegd worden, via Brennero, waar de tolvoortaan niet meer dan een half uur in beslag zal nemen.

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DE "UEBERMENSCH" DER TOEKOMST

In een vergadering van scheikundigen, te Florida, heeft prof. Marston Bogert, uit de Columbia universiteit, beweerd, dat de wetenschap eerstdaags stoffen zal kunnen samenstellen die de vermogens van de hersennen in sterke mate zullen vermeerderen, terwyl zy ook aan het lichaam meer kracht en schoonheid zullen geven en aldus den "Uebermensch," waarvan Nietzsche sprak, mogelyk maken. Studie's in dien zin zyn aan den gang in Engeland, Zwitserland en Amerika.

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KANKER IN AUSTRALIE

Naar men uit Sydney meldt, neemt in Australie het aantal sterfgevallen aan kanker den laatsten tyd sterk toe.

Uit de jongste statistieken blykt, dat thans per 100,000 inwoners 105 menschen jaarlyks aan kanker sterven, tegen 74 tot 75 enkele jaren geleden. In het jaar 1932 alleen zyn niet minder dan 6875 Australiers aan kanker gestorven.

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BLOEDOVERTAPPING

Tegenwoordig stipt men te Parys wel tien bloedovertappingen per dag aan, zoodat men dit niet meer beschouwt als iets buitengewoon. Toch moet een afzonderlyke vermelding gemaakt worden voor dokter Armand De Weerdt, uit Meenen, Belgie, die van begin Maart 1928 tot begin Januari 1934 een en dertig maal zyn bloed ter beschikking van zyn zieken stelde.

Wie zou er dit getal ook durven aangaan.

OVER MAX BAER EN PRIMO CARNERA

Max Baer heeft zich gereed gemaakt voor zyn oefening te beginnen die hy hoopt hem het wereldkampioenschap zal brengen.

Het toekomende gevecht tegen Primo Carnera, zwaargewicht kampioen, zal plaats hebben op den 14 Juni.

Baer's oefening plannen zyn nog niet volledig, maar hy zal waarschynlyk een kamp op zetten in Atlantic City waar hy verleden jaar geoeffend heeft voor zyn gevecht tegen Max Schmeling.

Carnera zal ook heel waarschynlyk oefenen in New Jersey, te Pompton Lakes.

Primo Carnera, reus van de prys ring, na byna een maand geoeffend te hebben in de bosschen van Moosehead Lake is terug gekeerd naar New York. Hy is gekomen voor over het kampioenschap te spreken tegen de managers en stichters van het zwaargewciht kampioenschap met Max Baer, die zal gehouden worden in Juni.

Carnera, die een langen baard droeg, zou slechts erkend kunnen worden alswanneer hy zich naar New York begaf.

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VERMAARDE BURGEMEESTER KOMT NAAR AMERIKA

Den vermaarden Burgemeester Adolf Max van Brussel zal een bezoek brengen naar dit land voor een officieel verzoek te brengen tot de Vereenigde Staten dat Leopol III. den troon beklommen heeft.

Den Burgemeester heeft een groote rol gespeeld in den laatsten oorlog. Hy en Cardinaal Mercier waren de uitstekende nationale teekenen toen de vyandelyke troepen de stad van Brussel in bezit hadden.

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RADIO—OMROEP EN PLAATSNAAM

Destyds werd aan den zender te Munster, in Zwitserland, ter voorkoming van verwisseling met het Duitsche Munster, den naam van Beromunster gegeven, den naam van Beromunster gegeven, waaronder hy nu algemeen bekend is. Deze naam gaat terug tot op de middeleeuwen, toen het Zwitsersche plaatsje inderdaad Beromunster heette.

Het gemeentebestuur van het stadje heeft nu besloten, den naam van het stadje met dien van den zender gelyk te maken en Beromunster weer algemeen in te voeren.

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ECHTSCHEIDINGSWOEDE IN SPANJE

Het eerste jaar, dat echtscheidingen in Spanje noodig waren, is voorby. Er zyn, naar men uit Madrid meldt, niet minder dan 4494 echtscheidingen uitgesproken. Ook blykt, dat het aantal gevallen, waarin echtscheiding gevraagd wordt, nog iedere maand toeneemt. Naar verluidt worden echtscheidingsprocessen met spoed behandeld en hebben zy den voorkeur boven gewone processen.

Men is in sommige Spaansche kringen hierover niet gesticht en er gaan dan ook stemmen op voor herziening van de desbetreffende wet.

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NIEUWE GENEESKUNDIGE HULP BY VERSTIKKING

Naar de "Daily Express" meldt is een nieuwe behandeling ontdekt geworden om drenkelingen, slachtoffers van verstikking of elektriciteitsspanning, terug tot het leven te brengen. Een dokter was op de gedachtte gekomen om een verstikt kind, op zyn knieen te wiegen, in het rythme van de ademhaling, terwyl hy voor een brandende kachel zat.

Nu is een tuig gemaakt, bestande hoofdzakelyk uit een rechthoekig metalen raam, waarop een man kan uitgestrekt worden en dat in schommelbeweging kan gebracht. Tien tot vyftien schommelingen per minuut blyken volkomen de natuurlyke ademhaling na te bootsen. Zy worden doorgezet tot de patient terug by komt.

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We Agree

A man was recently arrested as he was about to broadcast a talk over the radio. The Ottawa Journal is of the opinion that this sort of thing doesn't happen often enough.—Port Elgin Times.

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